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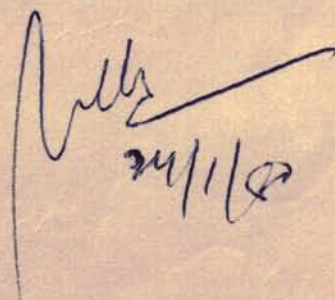
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HINDUSTAN STANDARD - CALCUTTA

Dated:..... 24.1.71



NETAJI BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Mr. Hemanta Kumar Basu addressing the gathering at the foot of Netaji statue on Maidan on Saturday.

Netaji's birth anniversary observed with solemnity

By A Staff Reporter

The 74th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was observed through flag-hoisting, floral tributes, patriotic music, illuminations, booming of cannons and re-dedication to the great hero's ideals at public meetings under both Government and public auspices in Calcutta and suburbs on Saturday.

Banks and State Government offices remained closed for the day.

The morning functions included a public meeting near

Netaji's statue on the five-point crossing at Shyambazar, under the auspices of the North Calcutta Celebration Committee. Mr. Hemanta Kumar Basu, Mr. Ajoy Mukherjee, Mr. Samar Guha, Mr. Swaraj-bandhu Bhattacharya and other leaders urged the people to translate into reality Netaji's socialistic ideals.

The Mayor, Mr. Sur, hoisted the National Flag atop the Central Municipal Building in the morning. Later, a competition to draw Netaji's portrait was organised and prizes were awarded to the civic body's primary school students.

A meeting held under the auspices of the Netaji Birthday Celebration Central Committee at the foot of Netaji's statue at the Maidan in the afternoon viewed with great condemnation that January 23, the birthday of Netaji, was not yet an all-India holiday. The meeting demanded that before the next Netaji birthday celebration the Government of India should declare the day as a holiday throughout the country.

The meeting further demanded that Netaji's life and teachings should be included in the text books.

The meeting suggested that the Netaji Commission should visit Japan, Nationalist China, Communist China and Russia to make inquiry about Netaji.

Many people carrying Netaji's picture came there in processions from different parts of the city.

Paying his tribute Mr. Hemanta Kumar Basu, who was in the chair, said that Netaji dedicated himself for the salvation of his motherland. He appealed to the people of the country to follow the ideals of Netaji.

Other speakers included Mr. Samar Guha, Mr. Chitta Basu and Mr. A. R. Sharma of the INA.

The Calcutta Dock Labour Board Tally Clerks' Committee presented the patients of the CDLB Hospital with fruits, flowers and biscuits.

Other functions in the city included opening of a Netaji industries exhibition on Beadon Street and celebrations by the Rani Jhansi Bahini at Mahajati Sadan.

At the Government-sponsored function, floral offerings were made at the Netaji statue on the Maidan on behalf of the Governor, the State Government, the Sheriff and other organisations. The Eastern Frontier Rifles band played patriotic music.

All India Radio, Calcutta conducted a day-long programme of talks, features and songs on Netaji. Netaji Bhavan remained open to the public the whole day.

The Forward Bloc, the INA Association, the Rani Jhansi Bahini and both the factions of the Congress organised ceremonies.

PORTRAIT BURNT

National flags, Netaji's portraits and some placards on Netaji were burnt in the afternoon at Entally, East Calcutta. Police fired eight rounds to disperse the miscreants. A young man, hit by bullet, was, however, whisked off.

The police suspect Naxalite hands behind the incident. Two young men, one with gun-shot wound and another with severe knife injuries were

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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
D(GS.I)

Subject:- Starred Question DNo.5928 in Lok Sabha
regarding Azad Hind Fauz.

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A copy of the above mentioned question is
enclosed (vide Appendix A).

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rather strange.
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2. In this connection I am to mention that a Memorandum signed by Members of Parliament was submitted to the President in December, 1967 suggesting that the several steps specified therein might be taken to accord honour and recognition to the personality of Netaji Subhash chandra Bose. This Memorandum was considered at a meeting held in the room of the Cabinet Secretary on 17.2.1968. This meeting was attended among others by Secretaries to the government of India in the Ministries of Home Affairs, Information & Broadcasting, External Affairs, Works & Housing and Education. The minutes of the aforesaid meeting were communicated by the Ministry of Home Affairs under their Office Memorandum No. 19/50/68-Pub.II, dated 7th March 1968. However, for ready reference extracts of the minutes pertaining to your Ministry are enclosed as Appendix B. It is requested that you may kindly let us know the stage of action in respect of the item(s) mentioned in Appendix B. You may also kindly furnish material concerning these items for inclusion in the Note for Supplementaries.

3. You may please deal with it on MOST IMMEDIATE basis and send us the material asked for by 19.7.71.

(R.K.R. CONELA)
UNDER SECRETARY
TELE:371141
15/7/71

Ministry of Home Affairs,
(Shri L.D.Hindi, US, Pub.II)

Min. of Information & Broadcasting
(Shri S.Padmanabhan, DS)

✓ Ministry of External Affairs
(Shri A.K.Dass, Deputy Secy (EA Div))

Deptt. of Works & Housing
(Shri S.M.Jambholkar, Deputy Secy.)

Ministry of Education
(Shri K.S.Ahluwalia, US (Parliament Unit))

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Copy together with a copy of the Question forwarded to the Director, Historical section, Ministry of Defence. It is requested that the present position regarding the publication of the History of INA may be supplied to this Section immediately. Relevant material concerning this matter may also be sent for inclusion in the Note for Supplementaries.

Sd.

(R.K.R.Gonela)
Under Secretary
Tele:371141

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APPENDIX A

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION D NO. 5928 FOR 21.6.71.

Shri Samar Guha : Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state :-

- a) whether many members of former Lok Sabha made fervent appeal to the Government on several occasions to take appropriate steps to honour the fighting heritage of the Azad Hind Fauz and the glory of the military leadership of its supreme commander, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ;
- b) if so, the steps taken so far or likely to be taken in this direction ;
- c) the main-points regarding the suggestions made by the members in this regard ; and
- d) whether the Govt. will set up a committee to suggest ways and means to fulfil the requests of the members of the Parliament in regard to the Azad Hind Fauz and Netaji ; and
- e) if not, the alternative means followed by the Government to give effect to such requests ?

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APPENDIX B

Extracts of the minutes of the meeting held in the room of Cabinet Secy. at 12 noon on 17.2.68 to consider the Memorandum from Members of Parliament suggesting certain steps to be taken to accord honour and recognition to the personality of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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9) Demand for fresh inquiry into the alleged
death of Netaji subhash Chandra Bose.

It was explained that after the inquiry made by the Shah Nawaz Committee, no fresh material had come to notice. Demand for a fresh inquiry had been made from time to time and in reply to ~~xx~~ questions in Parliament Govt. had been taking the stand that, according to all available information, Netaji subhash Chandra Bose had died and that there was no need for a further inquiry. It was decided that no change was called for in this stand.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

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Sub: Starred Question D. No.5928 in Lok Sabha
regarding Azad Hind Fauz.

Ministry of Defence may please refer to their u.o.
No.F.17(5)/68/D(GS.I), dated 15 July, 1971, on the above subject.

Ministry of External Affairs, in this connection, will
like to state that all papers concerning the activities of Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose and his disappearance have been handed over
to the Ministry of Home Affairs who deal with the subject now.

However, with reference to the paragraph written in
the above
Appendix 'B' to ~~xxx~~ letter, this Ministry would like to mention
that Government of India have already instituted a new Enquiry
Commission under Justice G.D. Khosla to enquire into the circumstances
concerning Netaji's disappearance. The Enquiry Commission has yet
to submit its report.

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(S.K. Unpal)
Under Secretary(J)
Tel.373100

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(Mr. Paul)
Ministry of Defence (Shri R.K.R. Gonela, U.S.) New Delhi
M.E.A. U.O. No. C.551/4/71-JP, dated 19 July, 1971.

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No.C.551/8/70-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

New Delhi, 30 July, 1971

Office Memorandum

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting may please refer to the enclosed letter No.64/1084/71, dated 22nd July, 1971, from the Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta seeking permission to take out a film on Netaji as part of Dr. Sisir K. Bose's personal luggage for for projection to European audiences.

Since the matter raised in the letter under reference is the concern of the Ministry of I&B, they may kindly decide whether the documentary film should be allowed to be taken abroad or not and reply directly to Dr. Bose under intimation to this Ministry.

(S.K. Uppal)
Under Secretary (J)

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
(Department of Information),
New Delhi.

Copy forwarded to Dr. Sisir K. Bose, Netaji Research Bureau, Netaji Bhawan, 38/2, Lakshmi Narayan Road, Calcutta, 20, for information.

S.K. Uppal

Under Secretary(J)

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PARLIAMENT QUESTION
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No.F.18-13/71-CAI(3)
Government of India
Ministry of Education and Social Welfare

New Delhi the 30 Nov., 71

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Provisional Unstarred Question No.D.6331 for the Lok Sabha to be put down for the setting on 6-12-71 regarding Research on Life and Activities of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

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The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the above mentioned Parliament Question and to request the Ministry of External Affairs/ ~~Home Affairs/Defence~~ to send the necessary material, if any, to this Ministry immediately for giving reply to the question.

SS Talwar
(A.S. TALWAR)
UNDER SECRETARY

Ministry of External Affairs/~~Home Affairs/Defence~~
Government of India
New Delhi.

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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA
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D.NO.

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MINISTRY TO WHICH DAY HAS BEEN ALLOTTED

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE

The Question will be put down for the
sitting on the :-

6.12.71

RESEARCH ON LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF NETAJI SUBHASH
CHANDRA BOSE

SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

Will the Minister of Education and Social Welfare
be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether research on life and activities of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose has been initiated in West Germany, East Germany, Austria, U.K. and other countries;
- (b) whether the Netaji Research Bureau of Calcutta (38/2 Elgen Road, Calcutta-20) was invited recently to attend seminars on Netaji organised by such bodies;
- (c) whether Government propose to organise a seminar on Netaji's activities during the period of Second World War and invite representatives from Japan, West Germany, East Germany, Austria, Italy, USSR, and East Asian countries to participate in such a seminar; and
- (d) whether Government are taking any initiative for research works on the life and activities of Netaji?

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Parliament Question

No.C. 551/4/71JP-71
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(East Asia Division)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Provisional Unstarred Question D.No.6331 for the Lok Sabha to be put down for the sitting on 6-12-71 regarding Research on Life and Activities of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Ministry of Education and Social Welfare may please refer to their O.M. No.F.18-13/71-CAI(3), dated 30 November, 1971, on the above subject.

This Ministry do not have any material on the subjects raised in the Parliament Question, but would would however like to state the following:

Re. part a) of the Question

This Ministry know only of the Netaji Research Bureau of Calcutta. It has been doing research on the life and activities of Netaji for the past many years. Its representatives have been going periodically to the countries where they expect to get material on Netaji. Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose made a visit to Japan, in this connection, in 1965. and PRG is 1171.

Re. part d)

This Ministry have not taken any initiative recently for research work on the life and activities of Netaji. The Government of India have constituted an Enquiry Commission under Justice G.D. Khosla to investigate into the circumstances of Netaji's disappearance in 1945. The Ministry of Home Affairs is in-charge of this Commission. The report of the Commission has yet to come.

S.K. Uppal
(S.K. Uppal)
Under Secretary

Ministry of Education & SW,
(Shri A.S. Talwar, U.S.),
New Delhi.

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